

Art Unit: 3711



DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Examiner acknowledges response by applicant's representative received
10/27/05.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Patentability has been found because the prior art fails to suggest or show the combination as set forth in the independent claims 1,5,10,13 & 16 including the comparison of poker ranks of the second and first set of symbols, making a determination and resolving the first bet based on that determination. This requirement is not seen or fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

The closest prior art of reference was Slomiany et al. (927). Slomiany's teachings fail to anticipate or render obvious applicant's invention because he lacks the teaching of comparing of the poker ranks.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably